What is claimed is:

- 1. Exercise equipment including a cable means attached at its distal end to a resistance means cooperating with pulley means for switching between a 2:1 mechanical advantage and a 1:1 ratio, and at a proximal end of the cable, to a control means used to exert effort against the resistance means.
- 2. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control means that enables the user to exert force against the resistance means is a handle, strap, belt, rope, bar or leg curl.
- Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resistance means is a weight system
- 4. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 2, wherein the weight system is variable.
- 5. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 2, wherein there is a set of counterweights.
- 6. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control means that enables the user to exert force against the weight system is a handle, strap, belt, rope, bar or leg curl.
- 7. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein multiple cables are used and when the equipment is set to operate as a 2:1 mechanical advantage system, the proximal end of a cable may be pulled around a pulley and simultaneously a counterweight at the distal end of a cable will rest against a stop, thereby creating an anchor at the distal end and completing the 2:1 mechanical advantage system.

- 8. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 7, wherein the resistance is variable.
- 9. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 8, wherein the resistance is a set of weights.
- 10. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 9, wherein a set of counterweights is used as a cable take up means when different egress points along the curved track are utilized.
- 11. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 1, including a framed housing having a curved track defining a prescribed curved path, a pair of pulleys on a movable trolley repositionable along the curved path, and having passed between them a cable, the proximal end of which is located outside the curved track and is attached to a means that enables the user to exert force against the resistance, to which the distal end of the cable is attached.
- 12. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 11, wherein the resistance is variable.
- 13. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 12, wherein the resistance is a set of weights.
- 14. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 13, wherein a set of counterweights is used as a cable take up means when different egress points along the curved track are utilized.
- 15. Exercise equipment having a bilateral lifting system comprising multiple cables directed by pulleys to their ends where attachments are connected at both ends of each cable with a single weight stack at a mid area of each cable.

16. Exercise equipment as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cables pass through a set of multiple pulleys running parallel atop the weight stack and directed by another series of pulleys to respective egress points of the cables.